

# Painting & Arts Holiday

## Painting, Art & Archaeology - Angkor Wat Cambodia

A 10 days/9 nights Painting Holiday Retreat amidst the Gauguinesque, tropical surrounds of The RiverGarden, Siem Reap with an Award Winning Artist and the famous Temples of Angkor



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# Painting, Arts, Archaeology and much more

## Introduction

An artists painting retreat and a classic adventure that we think would inspire Gauguin. This is nothing less than the opportunity to personally indulge in your passion for painting and be mentored by an inspiring artist in our "Gauguinesque" tropical jungle gardens in northern Cambodia.

Our back drop is the world famous Angkor Wat and ancient Khmer empire's lost city of Angkor Thom Your base is a boutique hotel, The RiverGarden, Siem Reap which comprises 2 large Traditional wooden Khmer Style houses with tropical jungle gardens once the family home and painting studio of world renowned French artist Michel Delacroix.



The location is idyllic.

The RiverGarden jungle gardens will give you a rich creative experience the steady guidance of our award winning artist who is prepared to share his experiences and knowledge with you. Classic oils, watercolour, acrylics, pastel and drawing all these wonderful mediums can be explored.

We won't neglect the wonderful Temples and include private tours with a private Temple Guide, studio and gallery visits and if your up for it, maybe an elephant ride, a sunset experience as the locals do it, and some pretty amazing craft venues as well. Quite a lot to pack in to 10 days.

A truly amazing experience awaits you; this is certainly an adventure you will not forget.

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# Painting Holiday Itinerary

## Day 1 - Arrival & Welcome Dinner in The Restaurant

Arrive at the Siem Reap International Airport and transfer to The RiverGarden. Settle in and we meet up for dinner and cocktails in The Restaurant at 7pm.

## Day 2 - Orientation, Artisans de Angkor and The Silk Farm

After breakfast we meet for a city orientation, we stop at Artisans d' Angkor. Return to The RiverGarden for a tour to the The Silk Farm and a sunset experience at the West Baray and island temple. Evening at leisure.

## Day 3 - Angkor Adventure

Today will be an amazing day. We start after breakfast with our Temple Guide and visit Angkor Wat, followed by the ancient city of Angkor Thom and Bayon then off to the famous jungle temple of Ta Prohm. There is a bit of walking so wear sturdy shoes and bring your camera.

## Day 4 - Painting Class & Studio visit

After breakfast we begin our painting classes on the lawns under the trees at The RiverGarden. We break for lunch and meet up about 2pm for a local artist studio visit. Evening is at leisure.

## Day 5- Kompong Phluk & The Great Lake Tonle Sap

We are up early, bring your camera, you're in for a wonderful treat - Kompong Phluk, The Stilted Village is located on the Great Lake Tonle Sap. We travel through local villages and stop at the farmers market along the way before boarding a boat that takes you through the Flooded Forest, past fish farming, to Kompong Phluk - a truly amazing experience. We return around 4pm in time for a leisurely dip in the pool to freshen up.

## Day 6 - Master Class Painting Demonstration & Gallery Visits

After breakfast we are treated to a Master Class Painting demonstration by our artist with a break for lunch and maybe a special cocktail or two to help us along the way. After lunch we set off to visit some popular and unusual Galleries around town. Back around 5pm.

## Day 7 - Far Temples & Butterfly Project

The Far Temples is a full day guided tour to the beautiful women's temple Banteay Srei, then a jungle trek (about 1 km along a jungle path with your guide) to the waterfall at "The River of 1000 Lingas" also called Kbal Spean. Later we stop at the Butterfly Conservation Project and maybe the Landmine Museum on the journey back to town.

## Day 8 - Painting Class & Studio visit

After breakfast we continue our painting class under the trees at The RiverGarden. We break for lunch and meet up about 2pm for a local artist studio visit. Evening is at leisure.

## Day 9 - Painting class & afternoon at leisure, Dinner and Art Show

Final painting master class this morning by the pool or your chosen location with the afternoon at leisure. We all meet up for Dinner, cocktails and our own "Artists Show" around the pool at 7pm.

## Day 10 - Depart The RiverGarden, Siem Reap

Transfer to Siem Reap International Airport for your flight.



# Artist

## Craig Penny

Award winning Australian artist - Craig Penny is an experienced, dedicated practicing artist with a reputation for quality contemporary landscape and cityscapes throughout Australia. He is represented by a select range of prominent galleries around Australia, USA and South East Asia. Craig regularly runs classes for painters and artists in Melbourne, Australia and teaches all mediums and a range of popular and contemporary styles. Craig's loyal and dedicated following extends beyond the galleries to many private collections and is only outshone by his paint class groups who appreciate and admire his teaching style and his generosity with his significant knowledge of painting and materials that he never hesitates to share.

A selection of paintings by Craig Penny - Contemporary Impressionist style.



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